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THE SONG OF THE SOUL VICTORIOUS.

I stand in the Great Forever,
I lave in the ocean of Truth,
And I bask in the golden sunshine
Of endless love and youth.

And God is within and around me,
All good is forever mine:
To all who seek it is given,
And it comes by a law divine.

In the deathless glory of spirit
That knows no destruction nor fall,
From the immortal fires of heaven
To the plains of earth I call.

Who is this "I" that is speaking?
This being so wondrous in might?
'Tis part of the primitive essence,
A spark of the infinite light.

Blasphemous and vain they may call me:
What matters it all to me?
Side by side we are marching onward,
And in time we will all agree.

O, I stand in the Great Forever,
All things to me are divine;
I eat of the heavenly manna,
I drink of the heavenly wine.

In the gleam of the shining rainbow
The Father's love I behold,
As I gaze on its radiant blending
Of crimson and blue and gold.

In all the bright birds that are singing,
In all the fair flowers that bloom,
Whose welcome aromas are bringing
Their blessings of sweet perfume—

In the glorious tint of the morning,
In the gorgeous sheen of the night,
O, my soul is lost in rapture,
My senses are lost in sight.

Come back, O, my soul, in thy straying,
Let thy wandering pinions be furled,
O, speed through the heavenly ether
To this prosy and sense-bound world.

They say I am only mortal,
Like others I'm born to die:
In the mighty will of the spirit,
I answer "Death I defy!"

And I feel a power uprising,
Like the power of an embryo god;
With a glorious wall it surrounds me
And it lifts me up from the sod.

"That I am born to die!" Ah, never,
This spirit is all of me:
I stand in the Great Forever,
O, God, I am one with Thee!

I think of this birthright immortal,
And my being expands like a rose,
As an odorous cloud of incense
Around and about me flows.

A glorious song of rejoicing
In an innermost spirit I hear,
And it sounds like heavenly voices,
In a chorus divine and clear.

O, the glory and joy of living!
O, the grand inspiration I feel!
Like the halo of love they surround me
With new-born raptures and zeal!

I gaze through the dawn of the morning
And I dream 'neath the stars of night,
And I bow my head to the blessing
Of this wonderful gift of light.

O, God, I am one forever
With Thee by the glory of birth;
The celestial powers proclaim it
To the uttermost bounds of the earth.

Ye pilgrims of varied probations,
Ye teachers and saviours of men,
To your heaven-born revelations
My spirit shall answer, "Amen!"

With you in the Great Forever,
With the children of earth I stand,
And this light flowing out like a river
Shall bless and redeem the land.

O, the glory and joy of living!
To know we are one with God,
'Tis an armor of might to the spirit!
'Tis a blossom that crowns the sod!

Thus I stand in the Great Forever,
 With Thee as eternities roll;
 Thy Spirit forsaketh me never;
 Thy Love is the home of my soul.

By * * *

[There has been no poem of modern times which better expresses the soul's aspirations and its realization of unity with God, than does the above masterly effort. It is suggested that it be committed to memory and its full meaning absorbed.—ED.]

The Moon's Position by Hours, March, 1896.

EASTERN TIME.

Moon enters the sign:

Libra,	March	1	at	1 a. m.
Scorpio,		3		6 a. m.
Sagittarius,		5		7 a. m.
Capricornus,		7		8 a. m.
Aquarius,		9		Noon
Pisces,		11		Midnight
Aries,		14		8 p. m.
Taurus,		17		2 p. m.
Gemini,		19		Midnight
Cancer,		22		3 a. m.
Leo,		24		4 a. m.
Virgo,		26		7 a. m.
Libra,		28		Noon
Scorpio,		30		4 p. m.
Sagittarius,	Apr.	1		4 p. m.

New moon, March 14th, 6 a. m. Full moon, March 28, midnight.

Conjunction of the moon with—

Saturn, March 4, at	5 a. m.	Uranus, March 4, 1 a. m.
Mars, " 9,	9 p. m.	Venus, " 11, 4 a. m.
Mercury, " 11,	2 30 p. m.	Neptune, " 20, 7 p. m.
Jupiter, " 24,	12 30 a. m.	Saturn " 31, 1 a. m.

Zodiacal Influences.

At the earnest request of some of our readers we have decided to publish each month a short article bearing upon the characteristics and peculiarities of the people born in the current sign. We shall aim at extreme simplicity, and shall use few technical terms. In perusing these articles the reader is asked to bear in mind two important points: (1) we write principally for the people who were born in the Western Hemisphere; (2) a person who is living the ideal, spiritual life, is slightly influenced by stellar and planetary conditions,

and quite often reverses their natural effects and tendencies.

PISCES PEOPLE.

"Pisces people" are those born between the dates of February 19th and March 21st of any year. They are full of reserve force and vitality. In business they are trustworthy and capable, but usually need a steady guiding hand to plan and suggest their movements. This is not from incapacity, but rather because, in business details, they lack that gift of attention to small things which makes the successful business man. But when Pisces is presented with an opportunity which he considers "worthy of his steel" he needs neither advice nor leadership. They are very stubborn and wilful, yet at times will give way and be magnanimous and forgiving to the last degree. They are, in fact, quite contradictory and hard to understand, especially when possessed of a fair amount of intelligence, as is usually the case with these people. This sign is the sign of fishes, and is represented on the zodiacal map by a southern and a northern fish. A line is attached to the tail of each and they are pulling in opposite directions. A most perfect symbol of contradictory and opposing forces united in one organism. Pisces has a very lively disposition, usually, to do that which is exactly right. This inclination may be represented by the fish swimming upwards (the northern fish) but the southern fish (which may represent the lower nature) has the advantage of gravity, and confidently keeps his head downwards! Pisces is one of the water signs. The other water signs are Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 22) and Cancer (June 21 to July 22). A Pisces person will find it much easier to fall in love with a Scorpio or Cancer, opposite than with a person of any other sign. In business, also, or social affairs, Pisces, Scorpio and Cancer get along very harmoniously. To commence a business or social plan with success, Pisces should see that the moon is not on the decrease in his sign. If it is "new" or "full" in the sign Pisces, or in the sign Scorpio or Cancer, good results will be likely to follow. Pisces people of world-wide renown are Longfellow, Washington, Andrew Jackson, Henry W. Longfellow, Galileo, and the Prince Imperial of France (son of Napoleon III.)

—Send names and addresses of ten persons (*whom you know* to be advanced thinkers) together with fifteen cents, and we will send you the ORACLE to the end of the volume, June '96. For ten names and seventy-five cents, we will send volume first complete (July '95 to June '96.)

—Your lessons were duly received, and I assure you I appreciate their value. In comprehensive simplicity, purity, nobility and beauty of thought they can scarcely be surpassed.

S. C. B.

—“What is your highest ideal?” Some time since we sent out quite a large number of letters to old friends and correspondents, asking the above question. The many replies which have been given, quite generally show that a depth and sincerity of purpose is within the hearts of our people, which, in its great strength, must sooner or later manifest itself in some practical manner for the betterment of the whole world. We would like to publish these letters if space allowed. Almost as one person the writers' ideals appear to centre upon this point, namely, to re-generate self, and then to assist and inspire in showing others the way to true peace and usefulness.

I have a faith that seems
So far above my dreams;
A something near, so loved and dear,
I can but catch faint gleams.

M. E. B.

—Woman is too generally betrayed and ill-treated by the “lords of creation,” but if she ever gets the opportunity to repay, she does it with a vengeance. The world is full of worthless men (using a common mode of expression) who think nothing of living double lives and of bringing unhappiness to the wives whom they have sworn to love and protect. But did it ever strike you that there could be such a strange thing as a really loyal and pure-hearted *man*? Yes, strange as you may think, the phenomenon is among the possibilities. There are men who live noble, pure, unselfish lives. Men who love their own wives and who find full satisfaction there-

in. "Well," I hear you say, "what of it? What are you driving at?" This: God, or nature, or his Satanic Majesty, or whatever you may attribute it to, appears to despise such a state of affairs as a steady and pure love from both parties. If, as is generally the case, the woman truly loves the man, then the man seems to consider it altogether too "dead easy," and don't care to prize that which he knows is his own, whether he will or no. And when the woman sees the same loyalty in the man, then she speedily looks for *other* worlds to conquer. And she does it just as easily and just as naturally as the husband could do, were the circumstances reversed. Now don't misunderstand me; I do not affirm that woman will seek diversions in the same way that man does. But she will float away from him just as effectually as if drawn hence by the personal magnetism of some one of the opposite sex, or through the attractions of the club. In a word, when she really comprehends that her husband is fast chained to herself, he soon becomes as a mere child for whom she may have the most tender regard, be tenderly solicitous regarding his comfort and health, but as to returning his affection—kindly excuse her—she has affairs of her own to attend to just at present! Affairs which represent the one hundredth sheep, mayhap,—the "ninety and nine" being safely fenced.

M. V.

—A correspondent offers for sale one bound volume Esoteric, (Vol. I) and twelve loose numbers (Jan. '92-Dec. '92.) The bound volume for \$1, and the loose numbers for 75 cents. Address F. M. D., in care of the ORACLE, Bridgton, Maine.

—I want to tell you what a God-send the ORACLE was to me this morning. I was feeling a little blue and discouraged at the outlook before me, and wondering if, after all, life was really worth the living, when the familiar little roll was placed in my hands. I dropped all and hastily opened to see what good word there might be in it for me, when, alas! it was full and overflowing with just what I needed to set me on my feet again with renewed strength.

MRS. B.

—Are you still under the dominion of flesh and do you yet have “pain,” and “misfortune?” Then *obey*! There is the constant and never failing voice which shows you the way. It never fails to speak in the silence and always with a promptness which, if you would as promptly *act*, would always keep you from paths which lead toward the darkness. But you *hesitate*, and then the other voice is heard,—the voice which shouts instead of whispers, and you obey this command rather than the suggestion of the voice which would lead you to the Perfect Light.

—To teach truth we must live truth; *be* truth. The coming century is to be an era in which men will walk better sermons than are talked. If we live the life, the signs will follow as naturally and certainly as water flows from a fountain. Man is catching the true inspiration. He is in the centre and need not go out for anything. Peace, power, perfection, are dormant within.

J. R. J.

—The true West Gate student has no use for “Modern Messiahs” as reported up to date. Christ *reversed* many of the laws of Moses and the prophets. He did not seek to *imitate*. He submitted those principles of truth which the age needed. His era demanded this overturning. We are now entering a new era, and *we* demand, and must have, originality and not imitation, as so weakly portrayed in recent attempts of divers “second Christs” This age is not needful of men competent to raise the dead, not restore the sick, halt and blind to normal conditions. This power is no proof that its possessor is the Christ. *All* men and women can have this force who think it *desirable* to have it. This is merely understudy. A part has been set by One, and numerous men have, more or less perfectly, committed it. Now what we want is a Christ of the 20th century. A Son of God who can set a new part. Something fitted to the Electrical Age as Christ’s part was to His age. In particulars *new*, but in generalities no higher or broader than the Ten Commandments, or the Sermon on the Mount. At the present time there are men

laboring for human uplifting, with gifts as far transcending the gifts of those now familiar as healers and miracle workers, as the sunlight transcends the feeble reflections of the moon. Their "reward" is in the simple consciousness of service performed. They do not seek recognition, but avoid it. They are not newspaper messiahs.

—The wage earner might well feel more lenient and forbearing toward the capitalist, if he knew that only one or two periods back, in this life or a previous one, conditions were exactly reversed. If the capitalist is forcing five dollars worth of effort from you, and is paying you but one dollar therefor, it is your opportunity to accept this dollar, and so live that further serfdom in the field of labor will be needless to you. Somewhere in your past you have builded this wall which now shuts you in. There is a way out of the darkness, and the way is principally through elimination of all feelings of revenge or envy toward those who have a temporary advantage vested in money power and influence. *Pity* all such and purge your heart of all desire to possess the same power again, until you have the strength to wisely *use* it. The anarchists and the socialists of today, were the capitalists and landholders and railroad kings of yesterday. The souls of the latter, having so recently been bound and shackled by the former, they cannot, or *will* not resist taking sweet revenge. Now that it is your turn to be the under dog in the struggle, resolve to more wisely improve your opportunity when power is yours again.

—The article on "Adaptability," published in the January ORACLE, especially interested me. If your co-workers would only read it in the spirit and not in the letter, it will be of inestimable use to them. The trouble with so many of us, is, that we obtain merely a surface conception of truth. What we want, what we should determine to have, is the recognition that sinks into the heart and soul. This is the first step. After this we should determine as to what we shall appropriate and use. First recognition, then appropriation—use.